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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed September 28, 2007 in the abovecaptioned case.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.